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Second Historic Stokowski Album Presented to Library by Bell Labs

In a ceremony in The Librarian's office on April 21, Morris Tannenbaum, executive vice president of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, presented to Librarian Daniel J. Boorstin a second record album of historic high-fidelity and stereophonic recordings of conductor Leopold Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra. The album, based on music recorded on April 29-30, 1932, presents Stokowski conducting the music of Richard Wagner in Philadelphia's Academy of Music—specifically from the composer's "Ring of the Nibelungen." The collection includes the Ride of the Valkyries, Wotan's Farewell, and Magic Fire Music from *Die Walkure;* Forest Murmurs from *Siegfried;* and Siegfried's Funeral Music and Brunnhilde's Immolation from *Die Gotterdammerung.*

The first album of historic Stokowski recordings was presented to the Library in January 1980.

The recordings made in 1931 and 1932 by Bell Laboratories are considered to be the best quality recordings made of the Philadelphia Orchestra during the period when it was considered to be at the peak of its musical powers. The first known stereophonic recordings of orchestral music, they were made on electrical sound recording and playback systems invented by Bell Lab engineers.

The recordings were part of a Bell Labs project aimed at improving the quality of recorded and amplified sound transmitted over the telephone network. In 1925, when they introduced the first electrical recording system, their contributions to the technology included vacuum tube amplification, the condenser microphone, electrical loudspeakers, electrical recording and reproduction techniques, the 33⅓ r.p.m. standard for disc recording, Vinylite record discs, gold sputtering techniques to make record masters, a lightweight pickup for early hi-fi records, and the "air advance ball" method of positioning the recording head precisely above the wax master. They also invented an acoustical sound reproduction system which RCA manufactured and sold as the

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Morris Tannenbaum and Daniel J. Boorstin

Orthophonic phonograph.

Retired Bell Labs engineer Arthur C. Keller, one of the project's principal engineers at the time, identified and classified the Stokowski discs among some 6,000 early recordings in the archives of Bell Labs. Of the approximately 120 Stokowski recordings and fragments uncovered by Mr. Keller, several of the best selections have been made into a special commemorative album, which has also been presented to the Library.

The Library of Congress is the world's largest library of music and music-related materials. Its archives of sound include examples of virtually all formats of recordings dating from the 1870s to the present, and contain over seven million selections. The collections are especially strong in supporting documents from original manuscripts to trade catalogs. The Library has the notebooks and papers of Alexander Graham Bell, including the first drawing in which he sought to conceptualize the telephone, and the papers of Emil Berliner. The Library's collections include sound recordings cut, molded, and stamped using the various techniques developed by Bell Labs. The Stokowski recordings are a significant addition to the collections of first stereophonic recordings in the Library.

Several officials from American Telephone and Telegraph Co. accompanied Mr. Tannenbaum to the April 21 presentation, at which representatives from the Library's Exchange and Gift and Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Divisions were also present.

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News Briefly Noted

Photography Yearbook Includes LC Works

The 1981 edition of *Photography Year*, prepared by Time-Life Books, includes two segments on photographs from the Library of Congress. In the chapter on "Trends," the work of the American Folklife Center is discussed and is illustrated by two photographs by Jonas Dovydenas from the center's Chicago project and photographs by Howard Marshall and Linda Gastanaga from the Paradise Valley Folklife Project. In the chapter devoted to "The Major Shows," nine photographs are reproduced from "Autochromes: Color Photography Comes of Age," a major 1980 Library exhibition that will open as a traveling exhibit in Long Beach, Calif., this July.

D.C. Archivists Visit LC

A meeting of District of Columbia archivists was held at the Library on March 26 for a program devoted to sources for the study of the life and history of the District at the Library of Congress. Special collections in two Library units—the Manuscript Division and the Archive of Folk Song—were described. Addressing the assembly were Carolyn Hoover Sung, executive officer, Research Services; Manuscript Division specialists Sylvia Lyons Render and John McDonough; and Joseph C. Hickerson, head of the Archive of Folk Song.

Mrs. Sung discussed the collection of Peter Force, a former mayor of the District of Columbia, while Dr. Render spoke on sources for the study of Afro-American history. Mr. McDonough presented an overview of other manuscript material. Mr. Hickerson's audio-illustrated lecture on folk songs composed in the District by its residents or visitors, particularly the participants of the annual folk festival, illuminated the wide variety of souce material in this area.

A brief outline of the numerous other general and special collections at the Library documenting the history of the District of Columbia was presented by Mary Wolfskill of the Manuscript Division, who chaired the program.

Eleventh AACR 2 Institute Held

The 11th regional ALA/Library of Congress AACR 2 Institute was held April 8-10 in Dearborn, Mich., and was attended by participants from Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Ohio, and Ontario. Staff members from the Library of Congress presenting the various sessions were Ben R. Tucker (chapters 1 and 2), Judith P. Cannan (chapters 3-13), Sandra J. Hawkins (chapter 21), Olivia A. Brickey (chapter 22), Robert M. Hiatt (chapters 23 and 24 and institute leader), and John R. James (chapter 25). Arrangements were handled by William I. Bunnell, executive secretary, and Bill Drewett, program officer, Resources and Technical Services Division.

AACR 2 Tapes Shown in India

The Library of Congress Office in India and the International Communications Agency (ICA) cosponsored three showings of the ALA video tapes on AACR 2 for a select audience of Indian librarians in February and March. ICA provided the facilities and Library of Congress staff responded to questions raised by many interested librarians in the New Delhi area.

About 35 librarians from the Central Secretariat, Delhi University, the British Council, and the Indian Council of World Affairs attended the first viewing on February 25. The audience on March 5 included faculty members of the Delhi University Department of Library Science, senior staff from the Jawaharlal Nehru University, Jamia Milia Islamia, and Delhi Public libraries. Helen Poe, assistant field director for administration and planning, James Poe, contract specialist, and K. Subramaniyan, cataloging coordinator, held discussions with both these groups.

On March 10, the final showing was held on the Delhi University campus. K. Subramaniyan ably answered the varied problems posed by faculty members and students of the Department of Library Science. The new code evoked great interest and comments from all three groups.

LC Loses GPO Branch after 80 Years

The Government Printing Office has moved its branch at the Library of Congress, located in recent years in the Navy Yard Annex with the Cataloging Distribution Service and part of the Library's operation since 1900, to the Production Department at GPO's Central Office. The move, which frees space at the Library, also allows GPO to make better use of the relocated employees to meet overall production demands. The increasing usage of the CARDS System and the 9400 Xerox, the installation of the 9200 Xerox, the increase in MARC cataloging, and the reduction in sales in fiscal 1980 all contributed to changes in card printing requirements in CDS. GPO will continue to perform the minimal required printing of the Cataloging Distribution Service.

Court Decisions Reported

U.S. Court of Claims

In an order by Judge Shiro Kashiwa on March 13, the U.S. Court of Claims upheld the Library's 1979 final agency decision to separate a former staff member and take disciplinary action against another for distribution of defamatory statements about a Library officer (*Cook and Perry* v. *United States*, Ct. Cl. No. 100-80 C).

In bringing this claim against the United States Government, the plaintiffs unsuccessfully argued that the disciplinary actions violated their Constitutional and statutory rights. The court found, however, that the record adequately demonstrated a " . . . reckless disregard of the truth on the plaintiffs' part," and that their conduct interfered not only with the working relationship between one plaintiff and his supervisor, but also with the relationship between that supervisor and the division he headed. "Internal management is a proper concern of the Government," read the court's six-page order, "and the controls exercised by the Library . . . were not unconstitutional. The record shows the Library acted in a restrained and proper manner in light of the sustained attacks plaintiffs made . . . over a 3-year period."

As to the plaintiffs' claim of statutory protection for their actions, the court reached a similar conclusion. "The defamatory comments presented by the plaintiffs to the Congress are not mentioned in the charges leading to these disciplinary actions. Plaintiffs' distribution of that testimony is not entitled to the protection of 5 U.S.C. 7211 for the simple reason that the other Library employees and members of the public who were given the statements were not in a position to redress the plaintiffs' grievances." Citing a 1969 Court of Claims decision, the court affirmed this prior holding that the action to dismiss a civilian Government employee for false and malicious statements he made against other coworkers and supervisors did not abridge that employee's First Amendment or statutory rights of petition.

In reviewing the severity of the separation action

taken against the former Library employee, the three-judge court found it not to be too harsh. "To the contrary," the court said, "in view of the serious nature of his misdeeds, the serious impact they were likely to have upon [his supervisor's] organization and the ineffectiveness of [his] prior 90-day suspension in deterring his improper activities, the Acting Librarian acted well within his discretion in removing [him]."

[*Note*: In 1980, the U.S. District Court (D.C.) dismissed a similar complaint (*Cook and Perry* v. *Boorstin*; CA 78-2312; February 11, 1980) when the plaintiffs declined to proceed in a Title VII (discrimination) posture, although they had alleged that jurisdiction in the complaint.]

U.S. District Court (D.C.)

Following a three-day trial, Judge John Garrett Penn ruled that the Library's action in reprimanding and eventually separating a former staff member were fair, reasonable, were not arbitrary and capricious, and were done according to law. The 13-page opinion, dated March 16, further stated that the plaintiff was not a victim of discrimination because of his race when those actions were taken, nor was the agency acting in reprisal because of his membership in the Black Employees of the Library of Congress or because of his complaints or protests (*Boldin* v. *Boorstin,* U.S.D.C., D.C.; Civ. No. 78-0951).

The court found, *inter alia,* that even though the plaintiff "failed to turn in complete and accurate work [his supervisor] continued to support him and sought to assist him in improving his work product. This continued until . . . plaintiff refused to work on the assignment given by [his supervisor]. The plaintiff's action at that time was clearly insubordinate and was not the result of [a reaction to] a prejudice by [his supervisor] or a reprisal for the plaintiff being a member of the BELC." Later, when another supervisor ". . . did everything possible to correct the problems . . .[and] gave plaintiff a new start. . . plaintiff continued to be insubordinate . . . ." The court went on to point out that even the division chief had earlier "placed plaintiff directly under his supervision and continued in his efforts to assist him." That division chief's subsequent actions ". . . in proposing a reprimand and thereafter recommending [the plaintiff] for separation," Judge Penn concluded, "were reasonable and not motivated by racial prejudice or by the fact that the plaintiff was a member of the BELC."

New Genealogical Reference Issued in Microform

The Library has recently acquired the 1979 segment of *Genealogy and Local History,* a project begun by the Microfilming Corporation of America under the editorship of Jack T. Ericson. This is the first segment of a continuing project intended to make available to all libraries important American genealogies and U.S. local histories.

Each annual segment consists of four parts: genealogies, local histories, published primary sources, and genealogical serials. The 1979 segment, for example, consists of not only 241 genealogical titles, many of which were originally published in the 19th century and have long been unavailable, but also complete runs of four genealogical serials, including the extremely important *New York Genealogical and Biographical Record* from 1870 to 1977. The 286 U.S. local history titles concentrate on Virginia and North Carolina, especially on the Shenandoah Valley, southwest Virginia, and the Piedmont area of North Carolina, all of which were settled by the Germans and Scotch-Irish at an early date. The section of primary sources consists basically of the published vital records of Massachusetts, including the birth, death, and marriage records from over 220 towns of Massachusetts. Also included are over 30 titles covering military and cemetery records, marriage notices, wills, and newspaper obituaries from North Carolina.

The 1979 segment costs $5,900, although each of the four parts may be purchased separately. Catalog cards are also available at an additional cost. Each fiche is positive mode, safety base, 4 mil polyester, silver halide, 105x148mm microfiche. Negative mode is also available. Orders or inquiries should be directed to the Sales Department, Microfilming Corporation of America, 1620 Hawkins Ave., Sanford, N.C. 27330, tel. (800) 334-7501.

The 1979 segment is available in the Microform Reading Room (under Micro 1018). The accompanying 42-page descriptive catalog, *Genealogy & Local History: Title List 1979* (Z5305.U5M5 1980), is available in both the Microform Reading Room and the Local History and Genealogy Room. [*Samuel M. Andrusko*]

STAFF NEWS

Credit Union Holds 46th Annual Meeting

The Library of Congress Federal Credit Union held its 46th annual meeting in the Coolidge Auditorium on Wednesday, March 25. The meeting was called to order at 3:45 p.m. by Credit Union Board of Directors president Peter Watters. A motion to amend the agenda led to a decision by those present to move the casting of ballots for the Credit Union board and Credit Committee to the top of the agenda, to be followed by the drawing of door prizes and the rest of the agenda as originally proposed. The subject of door prizes, whether or not and how they should be presented, was a topic of considerable discussion again this year.

Door prizes were presented, however, to seven staff members: a food processor to John Hemperley, Budget Office; a convection oven to Kathleen Swendiman, American Law Division; a stereo cassette player to Phyllis Benjamin, Asian Division; a five-inch portable television/radio set to Louis Timmons, Serial Division; a garment bag to Mary Orr, Office of Assignment, Reference, and Special Services, CRS; a hair dryer to Barney Bloom, Descriptive Cataloging Division; and $50 share certificates each to Vejune Svotelis, Shared Cataloging Division, and Cynthia Shepherd, Catalog Publication Division.

Reports on the year's activities were presented by the president, treasurer, and Credit and Supervisory Committees. Printed copies of these reports were made available to the membership and the appropriate Credit Union officers were available to answer questions from the members present. The treasurer's report revealed that the Credit Union's assets have continued to grow at a healthy rate despite problems in the money market. The rate for 1980 was 12 percent, and the effective annual dividend remained 7.20 percent. Credit Union expenses were reduced by better than 9 percent from the previous year. The treasurer also reported that despite an alarming increase in delinquencies in the economy at large, the Credit Union's percentage of delinquent loans has not risen.

New and unfinished business raised a variety of issues and motions from the membership. Questions concerned the selling of flash passes (previously considered by the board but rejected as impractical), the time of annual meetings (that they be held earlier in the day), the definition of a quorum, the selection of a polling place for the annual elections, and the availability of the written reports prepared for the annual meeting ahead of time (they are available in the Credit Union one or two days before the meeting). It was moved that the word "incumbent" be deleted from ballots for Credit Union officers; the motion carried. It was also moved that 10 copies of the Credit Union bylaws be prepared and that members be allowed to borrow a copy of the bylaws for a period of up to one week; the motion, amended to read "two copies," carried.

Election results were announced at the close of the meeting. Kimberly Dobbs, Edward Knight, Jack McDonald, Jr., and Peter Watters were reelected to the Board of Directors. Catherine Croy and Hugh McNeil were elected to the Credit Committee.

At its subsequent organizational meeting, the Board of Directors reelected Peter Watters, president; Kimberly Dobbs, vice president; Arthur Lieb, treasurer; and Elmer Booze, secretary.

Robert Fistick Named Head of NLS/BPH Production Control Section

Robert Fistick, who has more than two decades of newspaper industry experience, became head of the National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped Production Control Section in February. He is responsible for the production and distribution of braille and recorded reading materials and will monitor and control production status via NLS in-house management-information computer systems.

Mr. Fistick joined NLS/BPH after four years as general manager and publisher of a group of weekly newspapers in southern Maryland owned by Whitney Communications of New York City. Previous

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positions include editorial management with the Hearst Corporation at the *Albany Times-Union* in Albany, N.Y., where he was executive editor of the *Sunday Times-Union* for five years and served as executive city editor for two years.

Mr. Fistick is a graduate of Cornell University, where he studied communications arts. He studied government while attending graduate school at the College of William and Mary.

Lonnie Taylor Receives 25-Year Pin

Lonnie Taylor, a general equipment operator in the Buildings Management Division, was presented a 25-year Federal Service Award pin on April 9 by Glen A. Zimmerman, Associate Librarian for Management. Attending the presentation were Jack Laffey, assistant chief, Buildings Management Division; Clyde McPhatter, head, Buildings Services Section; Clinoth Colbert, general foreman; and Haskell Washington, laborer foreman, Buildings Management Division.

Sitting (left to right) are Mr. Washington and Mr. Taylor. Standing (left to right) are Mr. Colbert, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. McPhatter, and Mr. Laffey.

Mr. Taylor's entire Federal service has been with the Buildings Management Division of the Library where he began his career as a laborer in April 1956.

Reared in Swift Creek, N.C., Mr. Taylor moved to the Washington metropolitan area in 1952.

Colloquium Set for May 20

The Scholars Committee will discuss "The Making of a Dictionary: Dictionary of Afro-Latin American Civilization," during its May 20 meeting to be held at 2:30 p.m. in the Woodrow Wilson Room of the Jefferson Building. Benjamin Nuñez, author of the *Dictionary of Afro-Latin American Civilization,* will give the talk, while John R. Hébert, assistant chief of the Hispanic Division, will serve as the commentator. The speaker will describe the preparations which he took in organizing the information for his book.

All interested persons are invited to attend the colloquium, which usually lasts about an hour, including both presentation and discussion.

Twenty Receive Federal Pins After Decade of Government Service

During April, 20 staff members received Federal Service Award pins after completing 10 years of Government service:

Emma M. Blacken	Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division
John E. Blodgett	Environment and Natural Resources Policy Division
Lan N. C. Callis	Serial Record Division
Michael L. Donaldson	Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division
Charles Ray Fenly	Descriptive Cataloging Division
Michael David Halkin	Serial Record Division
James Hall	American Law Division
Finn Henriksen	European Law Division
Margareta A. Jacobs	Descriptive Cataloging Division
James W. McClung	Information Office
Rubens Medina	Hispanic Law Division
Philip J. Murphy	Examining Division
Barbara A. Peterman	National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Elena C. Suboni	Shared Cataloging Division
Gloria P. Sugars	American Law Division
Daniel A. Toomer	Motion Picture, Broadcasting and Recorded Sound Division
Peter Waters	Preservation Office
Shirley A. Williams	Serial Record Division
Tatiana R. Yansen	Shared Cataloging Division
Yoshiko Yoshimura	Shared Cataloging Division

WRA Choral Society

Copyright Office Chorale

The WRA Choral Society was joined by the Copyright Office Chorale for a pre-Easter concert on April 13 in the Coolidge Auditorium. The WRA Choral Society sang contemporary religious and gospel music numbers, several of which were new compositions by the director of the group John Watson. The 35-member group from the Copyright Office, which was conducted by Joseph Miranda, performed Bach's Motet III, "Jesus, Priceless Treasure."

Staff Activities

Ranjan Borra, Southern Asia Section, Asian Division, is the author of an article entitled "The Image of Subhas Chandra Bose in American Journals during World War II." The work appeared in a recent issue of *The Oracle,* a quarterly journal of history, current affairs, and international relations, which is published by Netaji Research Bureau, Calcutta, India.

Sung Yoon Cho, assistant to the chief, Far Eastern Law Division, participated in the 11th annual conference on "Korea and Koreans: Problems and Perspectives of Koreans and Korean-Americans," held on April 11-12 at Central Connecticut State College in New Britain. As a member of a panel discussion of the values of Koreans in American society, Dr. Cho gave a general description of the services of the Law Library and discussed his experiences as a Korean and Japanese legal specialist at the Library. Other panelists were members of the faculties of Columbia University, the University of Washington, the University of Toronto, and Korea University in Seoul.

Judith J. Henderson, subject cataloger in the Children's Literature Section of the Subject Cataloging Division, spoke on the Library's Annotated Card Program to the elementary school librarians of Regions I and II in Fairfax County, Va., on February 2. The topic addressed was "Decision Making in Children's Cataloging."

Richard H. Hunter, senior music cataloger, Music Section, Descriptive Cataloging Division, participated on March 27 in a workshop, "AACR 2: Music and Sound Recordings," sponsored by the Continuing Education Committee of the New England Chapter, Music Library Association. The workshop, which was held at Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass., attracted more than 90 music and technical services librarians. In the morning session, Mr. Hunter spoke on the rules for description of music and sound recordings. Later that afternoon, he commented on sample cataloging prepared in advance by participants and answered questions from the floor on the rules and Library interpretations and policies. Other speakers were Mary Wallace Davidson, Wellesley College, on choice of entry and form of heading, and Philip Youngholm, Connecticut College, on uniform titles.

Cornell Lawrence, an administrative officer for the Congressional Research Service, placed second in

the Maryland State Power Bench Pressing Championship which was held on April 11 in Baltimore, Md. Mr. Lawrence successfuly completed lifts of 400, 410, and 415 pounds in the category of men weighing between 198½ and 220½ pounds. This championship weight lifting meet is sponsored annually by the Amateur Athletic Union and the International Powerlifting Federation.

Adrian C. Sclawy, physical science technician of the Preservation Research and Testing Office, and **John C. Williams,** former research officer, coauthored a paper entitled "Alkalinity—The Key to Paper Permanence," which appeared in the May issue of *The Journal of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry.*

Donald G. Shomette, visual information specialist in the Central Services Division, has been appointed to the Maryland Advisory Committee on Archaeology by Kenneth N. Weaver, director of the Maryland Geological Survey.

Two Library of Congress staff members participated on the panel "Roundtable: Chinese Foreign Policy in the 1980s" at the 33rd Annual Meeting of the Association for Asian Studies held in Toronto, Ontario, on March 13-15. **Robert G. Sutter,** Foreign Affairs and National Defense Division, gave a presentation entitled "The Pros and Cons of Increased U.S. Military Transfers to China." The panel organizer, **Robert L. Worden,** Federal Research Division, presented a paper entitled "Latin America: A 'Last Frontier' in China's Foreign Relations." Other members of the panel were Carol Lee Hamrin, Foreign Broadcast Information Service; Lillian Craig Harris, Department of State; and Chun-tu Hsueh, University of Maryland. The chair of the roundtable panel was Robert B. Oxnam, director of the Washington Center of the Asia Society, while the discussant was Allen S. Whiting, acting director of the University of Michigan's Center for Chinese Studies.

Personnel Changes

Appointments: Sylvia David, accounting clerk, GS-4, CDS, 00917; Audrey Feffer, bill digester and reference assistant, GS-7, CRS A, 00970.

Temporary Appointments: Robert Flaherty, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS E, NP; Dale Gavlak, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Judith Miernyk, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Nina Serafino, analyst in Latin American affairs, GS-11, CRS F, NP; Jack Snyder, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS F, NP; Gale Thompson, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS F, NP; James Warlick, reference assistant, GS-5, CRS F, NP.

Reappointments: Marion Chew, deck attendant (trainee), GS-3, Ser, G102D.

Temporary Reappointments: Todd Forsythe, reference clerk, GS-3, CRS EPW, NP; Austin Wooten, editorial assistant, GS-5, CRS E, 10017.

Promotions: Thomas Collelo, to senior research analyst, GS-12, FRD, 00963; Daryle Dade, Ov Op, to secretary (stenography), GS-9, LL, 10065; Oliver C. Harwell, Jr., to library technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00977; Carl Henderson, to library technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00977; Geoffrey Henderson, to supervisory accounting technician, GS-7, Cop Acq & Proc, 10022; Victor Holmes, to library technician, GS-9, Cop Acq & Proc, 00977; David McNeal, to bindery worker, WI-8, CS, 10020; Nancy Theis, to senior research analyst, GS-12, FRD, 00963.

Transfers: Paula Ghudserazawi, Afr/ME, to preliminary cataloger, GS-5, Desc Cat, 00860; Jacquelyn Reamy, Desc Cat, to technical assistant to the chief, GS-12, CIP, 10018.

Resignations: Janice Campbell, Cat Publ; Jasper Postell, Photodup; Reginald Rich, Photodup; Mary Ward, GRR; Kevin Whalen, Col Mgmt; Tommy Whitton, FRD.

APPENDIX

The Center for the Book in the Library of Congress

A Report on the Third Meeting of the National Advisory Board

April 8, 1981

by John Y. Cole
Executive Director

What can a laser videodisc do?
Will creative people shape the new technology?

Lewis M. Branscomb, vice president and chief scientist of the International Business Machines Corp., addressed these questions in his talk before the third annual meeting of the National Advisory Board of the Center for the Book, held on April 8. Entitled "Video Literacy in the Computer Age," Mr. Branscomb's speech was delivered at a dinner in the Madison Building that concluded a full day of presentations and committee sessions.

Librarian of Congress Daniel J. Boorstin opened the morning session by reminding board members of the center's purpose: to keep the book flourishing by serving as a catalyst in promoting books, reading, and the printed word. Drawing on the resources of the Library of Congress and working with organizations throughout the nation, the center strives to

- Raise the public's "awareness" of books
- Use other media to promote books and reading
- Stimulate the study of books, reading, and the printed word
- Encourage the international flow of books and printed materials
- Improve the quality of book production.

George C. McGhee, chairman of the National Advisory Board, urged board members to continue their strong support of the center's program of lectures, symposia, projects, and publications. It is especially important to stimulate worthwhile projects at the regional and local levels. "Books Make a Difference," the center's major new project, has this goal. Ambassador McGhee explained to new board members that while the Library of Congress provides administrative support, the center's programs and publications are financed primarily by tax-deductible contributions from individuals and organizations. During its first three years, the center has received financial help from 42 individuals and corporations. Mr. McGhee expressed special thanks to McGraw-Hill, Inc., Mrs. Charles W. Engelhard, and Time, Inc., for their generosity.

Peggy Sullivan, Ann Heidbreder Eastman, and Gordon and Patricia Sabine

George C. McGhee, Richard D. Moore, and Barbara Tuchman

In his remarks, executive director John Y. Cole described the center's three major areas of activity: reading development and promotion; the book in society—past, present, and future; and the international role of the book. Since the second National Advisory Board meeting in April 1980, the Center for the Book has sponsored seven symposia ("The Coresponsibilities of American Publishers and Booksellers," "Broadcasting Books to Young Audiences," "The Rosenwald Symposium on the Illustrated Book," "Literacy in Historical Perspective," "In Celebration: The *National Union Catalog Pre-1956 Imprints*," "Good Ideas for Friends' Groups," and "Paper for Book Longevity"), four lectures (Fernand Baudin,

Eliot A. Minsker, John S. Zinsser, and John Briggs

Ian Willison, Peter Dickinson, and Robert Darnton), three booklets in its Viewpoint Series (*Gresham's Law: Knowledge or Information?* by Daniel J. Boorstin, *On the History of Libraries and Scholarship* by Ian Willison, and *The State of the Book World 1980* by Alfred Kazin, Dan Lacy, and Ernest L. Boyer), and two publications based on symposia (*The Textbook in American Society* and *Responsibilities of the American Book Community*). In October 1980, the Library of Congress/CBS Television "Read More About It" project, coordinated by the Center for the Book, received an achievement award from the American Council for Better Broadcasts. Forthcoming Center for the Book events include programs on oral history and the printed word, cable television and children's books, "Reading and Successful Living: The Family-School Partnership," and a planning meeting for UNESCO's 1982 World Congress on Books.

Gordon A. Sabine, professor of journalism at Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in Blacksburg, gave the morning's major presentation. Speaking for himself and his wife, Patricia, he described their adventures traveling around the United States on behalf of the Center for the Book posing the vital questions: What book made a difference in your life and what difference did it make? Over 500 citizens responded, and Mr. Sabine presented taped excerpts of many of the most thought-provoking and entertaining answers. The project's aim is to stimulate ideas for promoting books and reading through libraries, bookstores, and the media in local communities. A report will be published in a forthcoming issue of the LC *Information Bulletin*, but in the meantime "Books Make a Difference" has stimulated many local interviews and contests, two segments on National Public Radio's program, "All Things Considered," in March devoted to audience participation, and the use of the slogan "Books Make a Difference" in the 1981 American Book Awards, presented in Carnegie Hall on April 30.

Esther J. Walls, Virginia H. Mathews, and Vivian D. Hewitt

John S. Robling and Robert Wedgeworth

What is the U.S. International Communication Agency and what are the goals of its book and library programs? Richard D. Moore, director, cultural centers and resources, USICA, provided answers to these and other questions at the first afternoon meeting. After this general session, the National Advisory Board divided itself into four working groups to discuss specific projects, including a proposed film about "the making of books," a proposed guide to manuscript resources for publishing and printing history, a proposal for the indexing and publication of early American copyright records, an inventory of international book programs of U.S. Government agencies and selected private-sector organizations, a

Helen H. Lyman and Thomas G. Sticht

proposed forum to explore whether the United States needs an organization devoted to "promoting American books abroad," the next steps to be taken in promoting the "Books Make a Difference" project, and the forthcoming conference on "Reading and Successful Living: The Family-School Partnership."

The following persons attended the meeting:

Leo Albert, chairman of the Board, Prentice-Hall International

Lester Asheim, William Rand Kenan, Jr., professor of library science, University of North Carolina

Grace Baisinger, The National PTA

David W. Barton, Jr., the Barton-Gillet Co.

William Begell, president, Hemisphere Publishing Corp.

Terry Belanger, assistant dean, School of Library Service, Columbia University

Ralph M. Besse, Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, Cleveland, Ohio

Edward E. Booher, publishing consultant, Princeton, N.J.

Daniel J. Boorstin, The Librarian of Congress

John Briggs, president, Holiday House (representing the Children's Book Council)

Sally Brooke, publisher's representative, San Francisco, Calif.

Mark Carroll, chief, professional publications, National Park Service

Peggy Charren, president, Action for Children's Television

Lynda Claassen, part-time assistant, the Center for the Book

Marcus Cohn, Cohn and Marks, Washington, D.C.

William H. Crouse, Naples, Fla.

Carole L. Cushmore, vice president/publisher, R. R. Bowker Co.

Esta de Fossard, manager, adult education, WCET-TV, Cincinnati, Ohio

Sandy Dolnick, president, Friends of Libraries USA

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